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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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1. This communication is responsive to 2/20/2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 16-23.
3. The drawings filed on 11 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: claims 16, 18, and 19 recite a moisture resistant fluorescent lighting fixture comprises a longitudinal and transverse O-ring gland formed under the housing mounting flange and an O-ring received in the O-ring gland in combination with a lens having an upwardly facing boarder defining lands configured to sealingly engage the respective longitudinal runs of the O-ring.

Claims 20, 22, and 23 recite a moisture resistant fluorescent lighting fixture comprises a longitudinal and transverse gland formed under the housing mounting flange and a seal received in the gland in combination with a lens having an upwardly facing boarder defining lands configured to sealingly engage the respective longitudinal runs of the seal.

The limitations discussed above are neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record.

H.J. Poehling [US 2,327,552], J. Dunker et al. [US 2,791,681], J. Dunker [US 2,873,358], Florence et al. [US 4,323,954], and Mui [US 5,902,035] disclose a moisture seal or vapor-tight lighting fixture with a surrounding gasket, but none of them teach or suggest the longitudinal and transverse o-ring gland/gland to receive the gasket.

Urbanek [US 4,118,767] and Daumueller [US 5,735,596] disclose a vehicle lamp using an o-ring received in a groove, but there is no motivation or suggestion to use the groove of Urbanek or Daumueller into the moisture seal or vapor-tight lighting fixture above.

Claims 16-23 are allowed.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Y. Choi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2367. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (10:00-7:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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